COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Honorable Chair and Members of the County Council County of Maui Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Budget and Finance Committee, having met on September 30, 2003, makes reference to County Communication No. 03-232, from the Budget Director, transmitting the following:

1. A proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, RELATING TO THE FY 2003 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM".

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize acceptance of a \$599,400 grant from the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense.

2. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend Appendix A, Part I, of the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget, relating to grant revenues, by appropriating \$599,400 from the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense to the Civil Defense Agency for State Homeland Security.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Civil Defense Administrator and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

The Civil Defense Administrator informed your Committee that the grant is provided to enhance the capability of State and local agencies to prevent and respond to incidents of terrorism involving the use of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or explosive (CBRNE) weapons. The grant provides \$479,400 to support equipment requirements identified by a multi-disciplined

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planning committee representing the County Civil Defense Agency, Department of Fire and Public Safety, Department of Police, State Department of Health, and Emergency Medical Services. An additional \$120,000 is available to address other critical homeland security needs, including CBRNE exercise-related costs, training costs, and planning and administrative expenses.

The Civil Defense Administrator stated that the multi-disciplined planning committee reviewed and considered the needs of the County on a Countywide basis regardless of whether the services are provided by a County, State, or private agency.

Your Committee requested that the Civil Defense Administrator provide a list of the equipment to be purchased with the grant funds, including the cost of the equipment and the agency the equipment will support. In addition, your Committee requested that the Administrator clarify the approach that will be used to hire a Limited Term Appointment (LTA) position to administer the homeland security grant programs, including the qualifications of the position and the selection process that will be used.

Your Committee requested that the Department of the Corporation Counsel revise the proposed bill to add 1.0 LTA equivalent personnel and make nonsubstantive revisions.

After a brief discussion, your Committee voted to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution, passage of the revised proposed bill on first reading, and filing of the communication.

Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed resolution correcting the date of the budget in the fourth "whereas clause", from the Fiscal Year 2003 Budget to the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget. Your Committee is also in receipt of a revised proposed bill, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee's recommended revisions.

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Your Budget and Finance Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

- 1. That Resolution No. ______, as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, RELATING TO THE FY 2003 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM", be ADOPTED;
- 2. That Bill No. ______ (2003), as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY", be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and
- 3. That County Communication No. 03-232 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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